

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Presently Amended) A method for sharing ~~at least one~~ an item in a computer system between a sharer and a sharee, comprising:
 - the sharer selecting ~~at least one~~ an item to be shared;
 - the sharer selecting at least one sharee with whom the item is to be shared; and
 - providing to the sharee ~~remote~~ access to the item on the sharer's computer.
2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the sharer also designates a level of permission that is assigned to the sharee.
3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising verifying that a file share exists from which the item to be shared can be accessed remotely.
4. (Original) The method of Claim 3, wherein if a file share already exists, the permissions on the file share are set so as to allow the sharee to access the item that is to be shared.
5. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising verifying that any permissions associated with the item that is to be shared are set so that the sharee can access the item.
6. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising determining whether the item is protected, and if so verifying that the item can be shared with the sharee, and if the item cannot be shared, providing a notification to the sharer.
7. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising verifying that the sharer's firewall will allow the sharee to access the shared item.
8. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising recording one or more details of the sharing transaction, including at least one of what was shared, who it was shared with, or when it was shared.

9. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising sending a link to the sharee that allows the sharee to access the shared item directly from the sharer's computer.

10. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising allowing the sharee to query the sharer's computer to see what the sharer has shared out with the sharee.

11. (Presently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the item is an individual item that is shared directly, ~~such that the item does not first need to be saved in a folder which is then shared~~ independent of a share status of a folder in which the item is saved.

12. (Presently Amended) A method for sharing ~~at least one~~ an item on a computer system, comprising:

receiving permission to access the item that is to be shared; and

in response to receiving the permission to access the item, ~~remotely~~ accessing the item.

13. (Original) The method of Claim 12, further comprising verifying that a file share exists from which the item to be shared can be accessed remotely.

14. (Original) The method of Claim 13, wherein if a file share already exists, the permissions on the file share are set so as to allow the sharee to access the item.

15. (Original) The method of Claim 12, further comprising verifying that any permissions associated with the item are set so that the sharee can access the item.

16. (Original) The method of Claim 12, further comprising determining whether the item is protected, and if so verifying that the item can be shared with the sharee, and if the item cannot be shared, providing a notification to the sharer.

17. (Original) The method of Claim 12, further comprising sending a link to the sharee that allows the sharee to access the item directly from the sharer's computer.

18. (Presently Amended) The method of Claim 12, wherein the item is an individual item that is shared directly, independent of a share status of a folder in which the item is saved. ~~such that the item does not first need to be saved in a folder which is then shared.~~

19. (Presently Amended) One or more computer-readable media for enabling a computer-program segment to communicate with one or more other computer-program segments for sharing ~~at least one~~ an item, said media comprising:

a set of computer-usable instructions that cause a request to provide ~~remote access to~~ at least one an item that is to be shared to be communicated to one or more other computer-program segments capable of executing said request.

20. (Presently Amended) The media of Claim 19, further comprising computer-usable instructions to verify that any permissions associated with the item are set so that the item can be ~~remotely~~ accessed.

21. (Original) The media of Claim 19, further comprising computer-usable instructions for determining whether the item is protected, and if so, verifying that the item can be shared, and if the item cannot be shared, providing a notification.

22. (Original) The media of Claim 19, further comprising computer-usable instructions for recording one or more details of the sharing transaction, including at least one of what was shared, who it was shared with, or when it was shared.

23. (Original) The media of Claim 19, further comprising computer-usable instructions for sending a link that provides direct access to the item.

24. (Presently Amended) A method of sharing an item between a sharer and a sharee, comprising:

receiving a call issued by the sharer ~~issues a call~~ for setting at least one permission which will allow the sharee to ~~remotely~~ access the item at the sharer's computer; and
in response to the call, the permission is set for the item.

25. (Original) The method of Claim 24, further comprising verifying that any permissions associated with the item are set so that the sharee can access the item.

26. (Original) The method of Claim 24, further comprising determining whether the item is protected, and if so, verifying that the item can be shared with the sharee.

27. (Original) The method of Claim 24, wherein when access may be unavailable to an item, a notification is provided to the sharer.

28. (Original) The method of Claim 24, wherein the sharer is able to limit the type of access that is provided to the item.

29. (Original) The method of Claim 24, further comprising recording one or more details of the sharing transaction.

30. (Original) The method of Claim 24, further comprising sending a link to the sharee that allows the sharee to access the item directly from the sharer's computer.

31. (Original) The method of Claim 24, further comprising allowing the sharee to query the sharer's computer to see what the sharer has shared out with the sharee.

32. (Presently Amended) The method of Claim 24, wherein the item that is shared is an individual item which is shared directly, independent of a share status of a folder in which the item is saved, ~~such that the item does not need to first be saved in a folder which is then shared.~~

33. (Presently Amended) One or more computer-readable media for enabling a sharer to share ~~at least one~~ an item with a sharee, comprising:

a set of computer-usable instructions that allow the sharee to ~~remotely~~ access the item through the sharer's computer, independent of a share status of a physical folder in which the item is stored on the sharer's computer.

34. (Original) The media of Claim 33, wherein the sharer designates a level of permission that is assigned to the sharee, and additional sharees may receive different permissions.

35. (Original) The media of Claim 33, wherein the sharer designates a permission for the item, and additional items may be assigned different permissions.

36. (Original) The media of Claim 33, further comprising computer-usable instructions for determining whether the item is protected, and if so, verifying that the item can be shared with the sharee, and if the item cannot be shared, providing a notification to the sharer.

37. (Original) The media of Claim 33, wherein when access may be unavailable to an item, a notification is provided to the sharer.

38. (Original) The media of Claim 33, further comprising computer-usable instructions for recording one or more details of the sharing transaction.

39. (Original) The media of Claim 33, further comprising computer-usable instructions for sending a link to the sharee that allows the sharee to access the shared item directly from the sharer's computer.

40. (Original) The media of Claim 33, further comprising computer-usable instructions for allowing the sharee to query the sharer's computer to determine what the sharer has shared out with the sharee.

41. (Presently Amended) The media of Claim 33, wherein the item is an individual item that is shared directly, independent of a share status of a folder in which the item is saved. ~~such that the item does not first need to be saved in a folder which is then shared.~~

42. (Presently Amended) A method for sharing an individual item in a computer system between a sharer and a sharee, comprising:

designating an individual item on a sharer's computer to be shared independent of a share status of a folder in which the item is saved; and ~~without requiring the item to be saved in a folder which is then shared; and~~

sharing the individual item with a sharee such that the sharee is provided with remote access to the individual item from the sharer's computer.

43. (Original) The method of Claim 42, wherein the sharer designates a level of permission for the sharee, and additional sharees may receive different levels of permission.

44. (Original) The method of Claim 42, further comprising verifying that any permissions associated with the item are set so that the sharee can access the item.

45. (Original) The method of Claim 42, further comprising determining whether the item is protected, and if so, verifying that the item can be shared.

46. (Original) The method of Claim 42, wherein when access is unavailable to an item, a notification is provided to the sharer.

47. (Original) The method of Claim 42, further comprising recording one or more details of the sharing transaction.

48. (Original) The method of Claim 42, further comprising sending a link to the sharee that allows the sharee to access the item directly from the sharer's computer.

49. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the providing step comprises providing the sharee remote access to the item on the sharer's computer.

50. (New) The method of claim 12, wherein accessing the item comprises remotely accessing the item.

51. (New) The one or more computer readable media of claim 19, wherein the set of computer-usable instructions cause the request to provide remote access to the at least one item.

52. (New) The method of claim 24, wherein the permission further allows the sharee to remotely access the item at the sharer's computer.

53. (New) The one or more computer-readable media of claim 33, wherein the set of computer-usable instructions allow the sharee to remotely access the item through the sharer's computer.

54. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein in the sharing step the sharee is provided with remote access to the individual item from the sharer's computer.

55. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the item comprises a file item.

56. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the item comprises a non-folder non-file item.

57. (New) The method of claim 12, wherein the item comprises a file item.

58. (New) The method of claim 12, wherein the item comprises a non-folder non-file item.

59. (New) The one or more computer-readable media of claim 19, wherein the item comprises a file item.

60. (New) The one or more computer-readable media of claim 19, wherein the item comprises a non-folder non-file item.

61. (New) The method of claim 24, wherein the item comprises a file item.

62. (New) The method of claim 24, wherein the item comprises a non-folder non-file item.

63. (New) The one or more computer-readable media of claim 33, wherein the item comprises a file item.

64. (New) The one or more computer-readable media of claim 33, wherein the item comprises a non-folder non-file item.

65. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the item comprises a file item.

66. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the item comprises a non-folder non-file item.

67. (New) A computer readable medium storing computer executable instructions for performing a method for sharing an item in a computer system between a sharer and a sharee, comprising steps of:

a) receiving input from the sharer identifying a first item to be shared;

b) receiving input from the sharer identifying at least one sharee with whom the first item is to be shared;

c) receiving a request from the sharee for access to the item on the sharer's computer;

d) responsive to step c), providing access to the sharee to the item on the sharer's computer; and

e) prohibiting access by the sharee to a second item stored in a same folder on the sharer's computer as the shared item, based on a non-shared status of the second item.

68. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 67, wherein step e) comprises hiding the second item from the sharee.

69. (New) A computer readable medium storing one or more data structures representing a hierarchy of items stored in a file system, comprising:

a first data field identifying a shared status of a first file item stored in a folder; and

a second data field identifying a shared status of a second file item stored in the folder,

wherein the first data field indicates that the first file item is shared by a sharer user with a sharee user, and wherein the second data field indicates that the second file item is not shared by the sharer user with the sharee user.

70. (New) The method of Claim 1, further comprising determining whether the item is protected and, if so, verifying that the item can be shared with the sharee, and if the item can be shared, determining whether to remove the protection from the item prior to sharing the item with the sharee.

71. (New) The method of Claim 12, further comprising determining whether the item is protected and, if so, verifying that the item can be shared with the sharee, and if the item can be shared, determining whether to remove the protection from the item prior to sharing the item with the sharee.

72. (New) The computer readable medium of Claim 33, wherein the instructions further comprise determining whether the item is protected and, if so, verifying that the item can

be shared with the sharee, and if the item can be shared, determining whether to remove the protection from the item prior to sharing the item with the sharee.

73. (New) The method of Claim 42, further comprising determining whether the item is protected and, if so, verifying that the item can be shared with the sharee, and if the item can be shared, determining whether to remove the protection from the item prior to sharing the item with the sharee.